

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost *Peacemaking Season*

September 15, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

*Voluntary on "Kingsfold"
(O Sing a Song of Bethlehem)*

Dale Wood

*INTROIT

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19:7-9)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN NO. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Spring of Wisdom,

we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed.

**We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace,
and stumble into the arms of the world.**

**We speak poisonous gossip about others,
rather than tell of their glory as your child.**

We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer.

**Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit;
give us silence with which to witness your wonders;**

**give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ,
our Lord and our Savior,
the One who leads us to life.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Those who are able, please stand.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

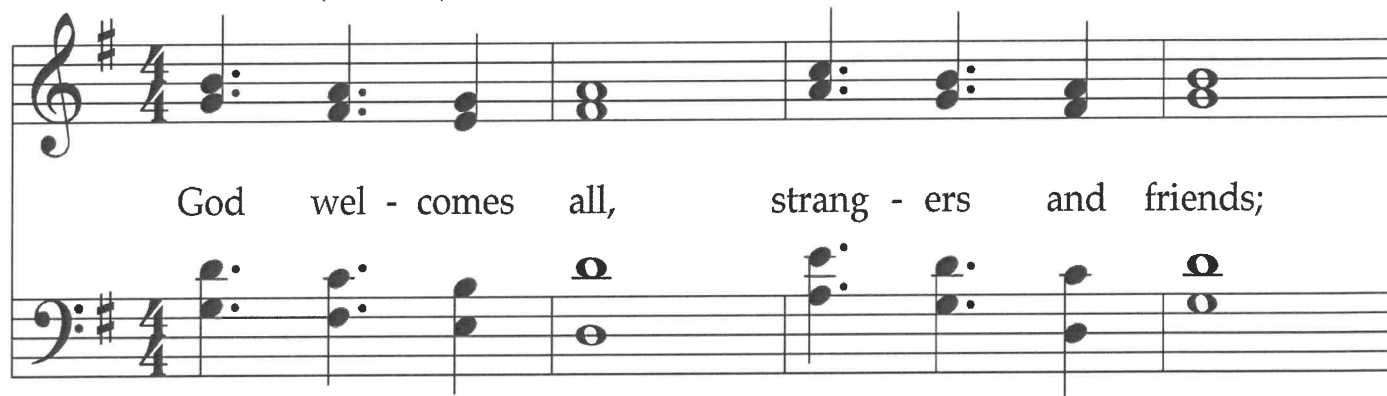
Mindy Douglas

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

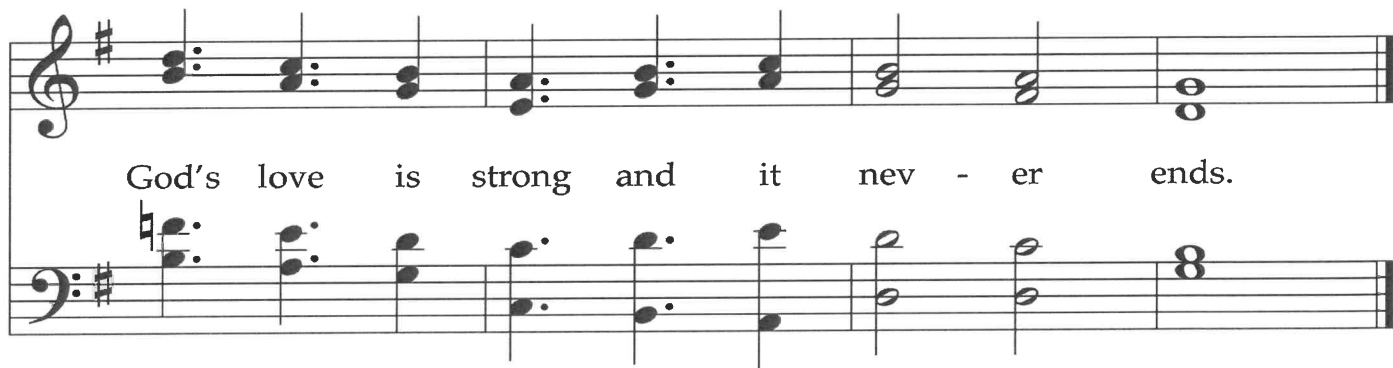
People: **And also with you.**

***REGATHERING HYMN (No. 399)**

Themba Amen



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cris Rivera

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **You speak to us Lord with tongues of wisdom.**

**Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear
with greater clarity the teachings of today,
that we may hold dear in yet new ways
what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

(Pew Bible, OT Page 681)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Cris Rivera

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:27-38

(Pew Bible, NT Page 43)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

John Weicher

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"A Bigger Bucket"

John Weicher

(silent reflection)

<p>*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From <i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i>) We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.</p>	<p>Esther Hethcox</p>
<p>*HYMN NO. 159 <i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i></p>	<p><i>Kingsfold</i></p>
<p>A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN</p>	<p>Lenore Champion</p>
<p>DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS</p>	
<p>Invitation to Give Offertory Anthem <i>If Ye Love Me</i> <i>If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,</i> <i>and he shall give you another comforter,</i> <i>that he may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth.</i></p>	<p>Esther Hethcox Thomas Tallis</p>
<p>*Doxology with Alleluias <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i> <i>Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;</i> <i>Praise God above, ye heavenly host;</i> <i>Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</i></p>	<p><i>Lasst uns erfreuen</i></p>
<p>JOYS AND CONCERNS</p>	<p>Esther Hethcox</p>
<p>*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>	<p>Esther Hethcox</p>
<p>*HYMN NO. 726 <i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i></p>	<p><i>Kelvingrove</i></p>
<p>*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION</p>	<p>John Weicher</p>
<p>*POSTLUDE <i>Variation on “Will You Come and Follow Me?”</i></p>	<p>Denis Bédard</p>

Children's music follows worship

Children, Kindergarten – age 6, are invited upstairs (choir room) immediately after church for a time for children's music with Kathy Parkins.

View the documentary **BAD FAITH** later today!

FPC is one of several organizations sponsoring a viewing of the documentary "BAD FAITH" at the Hayti Heritage Center (809 Old Fayetteville Street). Doors open at 2:30 p.m. The viewing begins at 3:30 p.m. A discussion will follow at 5:00 p.m., featuring panelists Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Joey Shelton, and J. Sterett.



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you.

CORRECTION: The *September 8th flowers* were given by *Mary Ann Ruegg* to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, *Don Ruegg*.

Today's *flowers* are given by *Caroline Davis Rourk* to the glory of God and in memory of her grandmother, *Margaret Neil Smith*, her brother, *Malcolm H Rourk III*, her parents, *Jane Davis Rourk and Malcolm Henderson Rourk Jr*, her uncle, *William Javan Davis*, and her boyfriend, *Christopher Michael Whitworth*, USMC.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Portions of today's worship texts are taken from *Feasting on the Word (Year B, Volume 2)* and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

Check out **FPC's Peacemaking Banner** which will be on display in Watts-Hill Hall through the end of September. The banner was prepared in 2009 and completed in 2010 to honor the 30th anniversary of "Peacemaking: The Believer's Calling." FPC adopted this commitment to peacemaking and affirmed it in 1983. The congregation chose and signed the squares. **Sue Fricks** assembled the squares into this quilted banner.



Peacemaking Speaker at FPC

PC(USA) International Peacemaker *Mia Umaña* from Costa Rica will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m.** She will also give a presentation at 9:45 a.m. in Watts-Hill Hall during the Faith & Community Class. *Rev. Dr. Karla Koll* will be her translator. For 30 years, Mia has been working to support vulnerable communities in comprehensive and empathetic ways. She currently provides pastoral accompaniment and support to migrants with a particular focus on gender violence, feminicide, and environmental justice. She works to strengthen relational networks while providing support to migrants at Casa Adobe. Don't miss this chance to connect with a leading advocate for peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- *Tony Brown* has received a cancer diagnosis and begins chemotherapy on Monday, September 16.
- *Kerry Holbrook* is home recovering following a visit to the UNC emergency department.
- *Paul Pasquarella*, husband of Michael Honeycutt, is home following a recent hospital stay.
- *Bill Mordecai*, father of Beth Eisenson, is a patient at Duke Regional Hospital.
- *Jay Wintermute*, friend of Kerry Holbrook and FPC, is hospitalized after a fall last week.

Fred Callaway

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Paul Cornsweet

Jen McGonigle

Sam Crabtree

Madge McKeithen

Drew Cummings

Vernon Neece

Susan Cyr

Franzi & Keith Rokoske

Lee House

Alfred Tisdale

Ann Huff

David Verner

Jenni James

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills*

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

Jerry Boles, sister-in-law of Maxie Honeycutt and aunt of Michael Honeycutt

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowood

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune

Isla Foster, cousin and *Linda Foster Momsen*, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

Rosalind Mutua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Joe & Mary Kay Robinson, former members of FPC

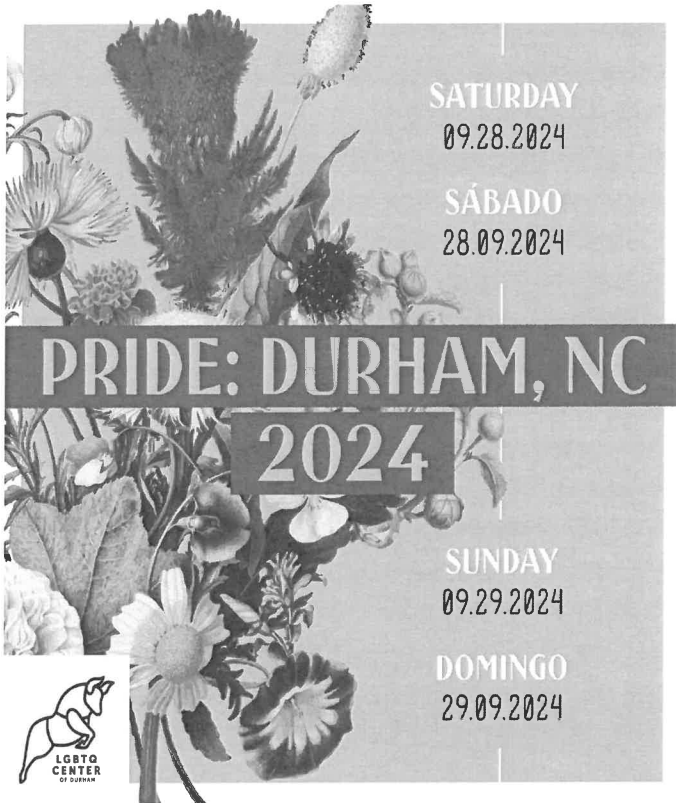
Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Ian Vallenga & Jhan Dotel-Vallenga, PCUSA mission co-workers in Nicaragua

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Denisha Williams, daughter of Sybil King

“Give Them Their Flowers”



Pride: Durham, NC is the annual series of special programs for celebrating community, history, activism, & PRIDE of LGBTQ+ people in Durham and across the state of North Carolina. Upholding the legacy of NC Pride, Pride: Durham, NC preserves our shared cultural heritage, shaped by expansive imaginations, progressive values, and radical acts of organized collaboration. With a clear aspiration to keep love in its many forms at the forefront and the center, Pride: Durham, NC creates protected & liberated spaces that affirm publicly all LGBTQ+ identities, families, and communities, facilitating quality connections with care and fueling generative impact that resists a tumultuous political climate of violent legislation. All people with love for LGBTQ+ folks are welcome at Pride: Durham, NC events.

Saturday, September 28

MUSIC AND MARKET FESTIVAL

CONCERT STAGE | 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. | at the CCB PLAZA
POP-UP MARKET | 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. | in LOT 8 & CHAPEL HILL STREET LOT
FOOD TRUCK STATION | 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. | at DURHAM CENTRAL PARK

Sunday, September 29

PARADE & COMMUNITY KICKBACK

PARADE | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | on DUKE’S EAST CAMPUS

The parade is rain or shine, stepping off promptly at 11:00 a.m. The Parade will start from the intersection of Main Street and Campus Drive at Duke University’s East Campus, with the kickback to follow on the University quad. To navigate to the starting location, please enter 1304 Campus Drive, Durham, NC 27708 into your map.



First Acts - Playreading Group

All are welcome to join in to read
“*Inherit the Wind*”

It’s the story of the Scopes “monkey trials” of 1925 – which explores many of the human emotions and conflicts on display in today’s public discourse. The focus is on what is being taught in our schools. Back then it was evolution (“evil-ution”), today it might be gender identity or CRT. The issues might change but reactions are the same. Local politics become national, especially when a former presidential party

nominee takes up the banner and it’s covered “live” by the new medium of radio. Please join us as we together read the play, take on the characters, and enjoy a little “drama.”

We will meet in Watts-Hill fellowship hall on Sunday, October 13, 4:00-6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact *Susan Dunlap* by email at sjd4@duke.edu or *Mason Essif* by email at masonessif@comcast.net.

Some copies of the script will be available but if you’re interested in purchasing your own copy, here’s a link: <https://www.dramatists.com/cgi-bin/db/single.asp?key=1689>. Both the 1960 and 1999 movie versions are available to stream if you want further immersion in the topic.

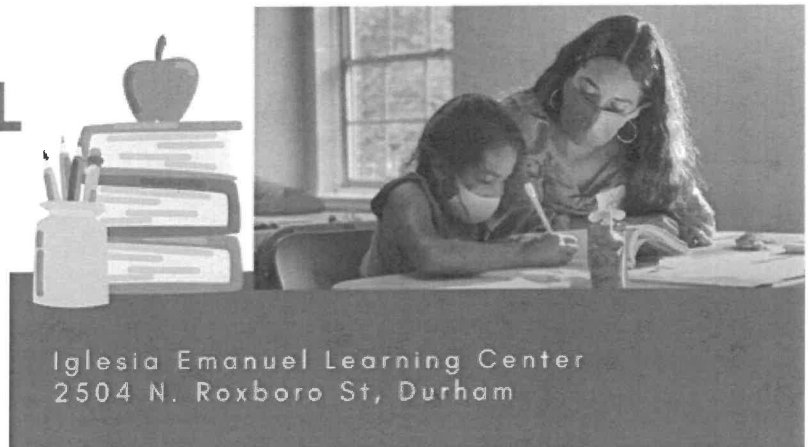
K-12 TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

IGLESIA EMANUEL

Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Church’s tutoring program is looking for tutors! We offer 1:1 students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, and tutors are paired with the same student for the entire year, which helps to foster a supportive and

collaborative relationship between tutors and students. The focus here is on skill development through games and projects that are inspired by student interests, rather than homework help, so students (and tutors!) look forward to coming each week. No teaching experience is necessary.

If you have interest in being part of this community as a tutor, we’d love to have you! For more information, please check out our website at www.emanuellearning.com or reach out to the director, *Mimi Dunn*, at marydunn618@gmail.com or call her at 304-553-3295.





THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the Durham Crop Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **Penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **Nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **Dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **Quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Remember to bring your offering

NEXT SUNDAY!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

12:15-12:45 PM Children's Music with Kathy Parkins (Choir Room)

3:30 PM View "Bad Faith" followed by a discussion of the film at **5:00 PM** (at Hayti Heritage Center)

5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group (meet in the FPC lobby)

8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)

Monday, September 16

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews

1:30 PM Worship Planning

6:00 PM FPC Leadership Team (in CE Bldg., Room 205)

Tuesday, September 17

10:00 AM-3:00 PM Program Staff Retreat (at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church)

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 19

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, September 20

First Friends leave for weekend beach retreat

Saturday, September 21

First Friends at the Beach

Sunday, September 22

18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Friends return from weekend beach retreat

9:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth and Adults

11:00 AM Worship with Mia Umaña, peacemaking co-worker, speaking and the Hunger for Change Offering received

12:15-12:45 PM Children's Music with Kathy Parkins (in the Choir Room)

5:00-7:00 PM Youth Group (with River Church at the Eno)

8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



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OUR MISSION CO-WORKERS

FPC partners with PC (USA) Mission Co-Workers:
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